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REMARKS

Claims 1-26 were pending in the application. In response to the office action, applicants have canceled claims 3, 4, 12, 20-21, and 24 without prejudice or disclaimer and amended claims 1, 9, 18, and 22. Claims 1-2, 5-11, 13-19, 22-23, and 25-26 are now pending for reconsideration.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended during the interview held on June 22, 2004.

Claims 1-2 and 5-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,023,610 (Wood). Claims 3-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wood in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. US 2001/0011012 (Hino). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections for the following reasons.

During the interview it was agreed that claims 4, 12, 13, 15, 16, 21 and 24 were patentable over the cited references, with certain of the claims amended to clarify the location relative to the play device. In particular, the Examiner agreed that Hino did not teach the single turn coil and that Wood did not teach aspects of the claims related to the toy figurine, the play set, and / or location aspects of the various claims. Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to incorporate features of allowable claim 4. Applicants have amended independent claim 9 to incorporate features of allowable claim 12, and to clarify the location relative to the play device. Applicants have amended independent claim 18 to include features of allowable claim 21. Applicants have amended independent claim 22 to include features of allowable claim 22, and to clarify the location relative to the play device. Applicants notes that independent claim 13 was agreed to be allowable as originally presented. Accordingly, all of the independent claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.


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In view of the foregoing, favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested. Early notification of the same is earnestly solicited. If there are any questions regarding the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

June 23, 2004

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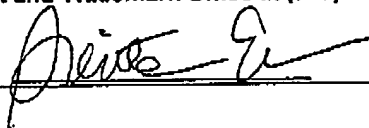


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